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SUBJECT: AMERICAN SURVEY OF SUEZ CANAL

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1. AHAM FEB 25 HAS SHORT FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED

"AMERICAN EXPERTS PARTICIPATE IN CANAL SURVEY." FULL

TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: AHAM'S CORRESPONDENT HAS LEARNED THAT AN AMERICAN TECHNICAL MISSION CONSISTING OF EXPERTS IN CLEARING OF WATERWAYS IS CURRENTLY MAKING A SCIENTIFIC SURVEY OF THE SUEZ CANAL AT THE REQUEST OF THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY IN PREPARATION FOR CLEARING IT OF EXPLOSIVES AND SUBMERGED WAR MATERIAL. THE MISSION WILL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE AUTHORITY BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK ON THE TECHNICAL RESULTS OF THE SURVEY.

3. "THE MISSION MET WITH EXPERTS FROM THE SCA AND THE

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ARMED SERVICES TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN

CLEARING THE CANAL OF THE DEBRIS OF THE JUNE, 1967 AND
OCTOBER, 1973 WARS.

4. "THE CORRESPONDENTS LEARNED THAT REMOVAL THE THE SUBMERGED
SHIPS WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTERNATIONAL BIDDING. SOME
JAPANESE COMPANIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DEEPENING
OPERATIONS. END QUOTE

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF QUERIES FROM BOTH FOREIGN
EMBASSIES AND EGYPTIANS DURING PAST FEW DAYS ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF
US TEAM CONDUCTING TECHNICAL SURVEY OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED
WITH MINE AND EXPLOSIVES CLEARANCE FROM SUEZ CANAL. WE SHALL CONTINUE
TO RESPOND TO SUCH QUERIES ALONG LINES OF GUIDANCE PROVIDED
REFTEL.
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